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SUBSCRIPTIONS will be made on Monday and on the holiday festivities the committee assignments will be out of the way, it is likely the work of the session will be an earnest.

is the kind of weather which people dread the idea of coming to Dakota, where such blizzards as we are now passing through indicate about the mildest weather have between November and March is being said lately about doctrine of a tariff for revenue that it may be well to recall its author and inventor, John Johnson, declared to be its main "All duties not laid strictly revenue," he said, "are purely extra, whether called incidental or not." Has Mr. Waterson over across this statement, we would

an amount of property destroyed in 1883 reaches the enormous sum of \$11,581,750, and the list ends no fire in which less than 1,000 worth of property was insured. If it were possible to include all the minor losses, the list would be increased greatly, probably to \$15,000,000.

territorial war has begun, the Pacific having made application to the United States Court for an injunction to restrain legislation from crossing the line of the Union Pacific at Grand until right of way should be obtained and damages therefor be ascertained. This legal objection, it is believed the Union Pacific will keep at bay until the right of way should be obtained and damages therefor be ascertained.

to the fact that no work was done according to the terms and the time presented, the Mexican court has forbidden the execution of the Grand for a substantial amount of the two republics. As a result of the Grand, the Grand "interdict" in a short time will be Mexican authorities have been ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000 as compensation of a party of the Grand.

no child a great consolation neighbor to know that there is nothing which Gen. Grant did in accomplishing. After frequent and phenomenal success in walloping the political opposition to which the Union Pacific was on the battlefield and at the end of the day the grand should take a somewhat of the man who has earned his reputation so often.

OUT OF THE COUNTRY.  
Late News Notes Picked Up from Points Round About Us Near and Far.  
Nearly 34,000 bushels of apples have been shipped from Toledo this season. The city council of Panama has passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of cider. William Price of Champaign, has started for Europe, to visit his native town in England, after an absence of 22 years. Mrs. Magdalene Rogers, of Belmont, lately celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary. She is said to be in good health and spirits. One hundred and seventy telephone patrons in Terre Haute have declared they will not use their instruments unless the price is reduced to \$3 for business men and \$2 for domestic use. The company holds out, and the strikers are firm. Mrs. Peter Brown, of Sullivan, sold during 1883 a total of 804 lbs. of butter, and 282 dozen eggs, and during the year 1883, 820 lbs. of butter and 330 dozen eggs. Averaging the sales at 20 cents a pound and the eggs at 12 cents a dozen, she realized nearly one hundred dollars, but, of course, she had to pay for the cost of the butter and eggs. Who can beat the record?—Sullivan Journal.

Z. T. Banks, the famous financier of Moultrie county whose management sent the Livingston bank to the wall, has property worth about \$250,000. It is stated that he has failed to give up to creditors, and is probably being prosecuted for failing to return collections entrusted to him. Many county farmers will be interested to learn that the state fair board in session this week has taken a very important step in offering premiums on exhibits of seed corn. The board has decided to award the best sample of seed corn from the four grand divisions of the state, premiums to be shown at state fair in Chicago in September. In Logan county Joseph Ream sold 641 acres of land for \$3,227. Brown & Barlow were the purchasers. Mr. Ream will go to Missouri. Adam Deane is about ready to commence operations at his quarry in Lincoln. He has secured the services of David Stans, a Wisconsin better maker. Adjutant General J. H. Elliott was presented by Springfield citizens on Saturday night with a handsome gold watch. State Senator H. D. Danahoe made the presentation speech. A Logan county woman told her husband to go off and die if he could not come home sober. In rapid compliance he obeyed, and was found stiff and stark next morning on the door step. Colman Nading, poet of the Grand Army in Champaign, has secured the services of a publisher, John G. Galt, to deliver a lecture for the benefit of the relief fund of the post at the Champaign opera house on Monday evening next.

ABOUT A WORK HOUSE. Bloomington wants a work house and the *Panagraph* says our state law requires that, for under the present law a convict cannot be made to toil, even if he is a good fellow, and thinks "it would be a good idea for our legislators, in the assembling of the next legislature, to meditate somewhat on this subject of the state laws. It would not be a bad idea to put under the Wisconsin code, which makes tramping and begging crimes and punishes the offenders by imprisonment in the county jail, and then it authorizes the county officers to exact labor from the convicts. Should a similar law be enacted in the state work houses would be added to our county jails, and the sequel would be a general release of tramps and idlers."

CONTRACTS ON SUNDAY. The question of the validity of a contract made on Sunday has been much discussed by the people, and which has remained an open one in this state up to the present time, was recently settled by the Supreme Court of Illinois in the case of *Richmond vs. Moore*, in which it is held that a contract entered into on a Sunday is not void by reason of having been made on that day, either by the common law or under the 26th section of the criminal code forbidding the disturbance of the peace and good order of society by labor, etc., on Sunday; that the statute was not intended to prohibit the transaction of business merely as distinguished from labor on Sunday; that a contract made on Sunday is as valid as if made on any other day of the week, and is capable of being enforced. That the construction of the word labor in the section of the statute mentioned, does not include mere business transactions, like that of the making of contracts.

PRESIDENT GAY, of France, held the customary New Year's reception at the Ellysée. All foreign representatives were present. The Papal Nuncio, on behalf of the diplomats, expressed the good wishes entertained for France and Grovy personally. THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW. Rev. W. F. Smith, of Jacksonville, will preach morning and evening. Other services and Sunday school at the usual hours. REV. J. H. CURTIS, of Jacksonville, will preach morning and evening. Other services and Sunday school at the usual hours. REV. J. H. CURTIS, of Jacksonville, will preach morning and evening. Other services and Sunday school at the usual hours.

One-Third Off  
150 Mince and Children's Cloaks and Handkerchiefs.  
100 Russian Circassians, Paletots and Dolmans.  
100 Ladies' light and dark Jackets.  
300 Union Beaver Ladies' Black Cloaks.  
50 pairs of white and colored Blankets.  
1 dozen Bed Comforts.  
50 dozens ladies', men's and boys' Underwear.  
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A very large stock of Knit and Crochet goods, children's Squeezes, Undies, Mitts, Leggings, Booties, men's Cardigan Jackets, Ladies' Knit Waists, Flannels, Water Proof, Velvets, Shawls, Yarn and Zephyrs, and Worsted Dress Goods.  
A discount of 33 cents on each dollar will be allowed on the above enumerated goods on all cash purchases.  
All goods marked in plain selling figures.  
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BISHOP WARREN'S BRIDE.  
The Oatle Queen Who Married the Bishop of Georgia.  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
"I haven't seen anything in the papers about Lizzie Shaw," said a well-known sewing-machine man to a reporter for the *Leader* yesterday. "And pray who is Lizzie Shaw?" asked the reporter. "She was Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hilt, of Denver, but is now Mrs. Warren, wife of Bishop Henry W. Warren, of Atlanta, Georgia," said the gentleman at the sewing-machine office. "I know her years ago," he continued, "while she was in the employ of the Singer people at Chicago. I was in the same office and became pretty well acquainted with her. She came to Chicago from some small town in the neighborhood and secured a place at the Singer office. She was a very bright girl and soon learned all about the operation and mechanical construction of a sewing-machine. After she had been in the business some time she was sent out to teach ladies how to run the machines sold them by the agents. She did wonderfully well, and was soon one of the highest salaried female employees of the company. She could teach a lady all there was to learn about a machine in a remarkably short time, and it was not long before she did as much work as any two instructors we had. She was independent and pushing, but withal a sincere Christian and a woman of excellent qualities. She worked in Chicago for several years, or until 1873, when she made application for the management of the Western agency of the company at Denver, Colorado. Contrary to expectations she was given the position, and in the spring went to Denver. She had shrewd men to compete with, but always held her own, and gave her employers excellent satisfaction. Finally we received her resignation, and a short time afterward were surprised to learn that she had married I. W. Hilt, one of the wealthiest cotton-owners in the West. Hilt was a widower, I believe, and while in Denver on business met Miss Shaw. It was a clear case of love at first sight, and a few months later the sewing-machine girl became the wife of a millionaire. The happy groom bought a fine residence in Denver, and settled down with his bride to enjoy life. A year or two passed, and the cattle king died, leaving a widow and two sons in possession of his immense estate, valued at \$5,000,000. Mrs. Hilt took up her husband's business where he had left it at his death, and has since managed it with the ability of a Gould or a Vanderbilt. Her husband's estate has increased in value from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 under her care, and she is to day probably the wealthiest woman west of the Mississippi River. Since her marriage to Hilt she has been prominently identified with the Methodist Church, and has given it thousands of dollars. I understand she met Bishop Warren in Chicago last year at some large church meeting, and that for the second time she was smitten at first sight by a dart from Cupid's bow. She is still a young woman. When she left Chicago she could not have been over 20, which would bring her age up into the 30's somewhere. Her wonderful success has been closely watched by her old sewing-machine friends, and they will all be glad, I know, to learn that she has married a live bishop. No one acquainted with her envied her, for a nobler woman I have never met. While in Chicago she supported her mother and a family of young brothers and sisters. When she went to Denver she took her family with her, and has always been their mainstay and support. She was very popular among her office associates, and every one who knew her liked her. With all her business qualities she was womanly, and had a heart that led her to do good things for those who needed them."

The writer of the satirical pamphlet "John Bull and His Isle" has the following: The French fight for glory, the Germans for a living, the Russians to divert the attention of the people from home affairs; but John Bull is a reasonable, moral and self-reliant character. He fights to promote trade, to maintain peace and order on the face of the earth, and the good of mankind in general. If he conquers a nation it is to improve its condition in this world and secure its welfare in the next; a highly moral aim, as you perceive. "Give me your territory and I will give you the Bible." Exchange is no robbery.

The Northwestern Lumberman gives Dr. David Ward the credit of being the richest man in Michigan. He owns 2,200,000,000 feet of standing pine in Michigan and Wisconsin, and his total fortune is placed at \$25,000,000.

Please note the fact that Linn & Bond do not advertise goods in season as well as out of season at panic prices, as is common with competitors, and proof of incompetency or knavery, and they are therefore the more entitled to the confidence of the public when they offer goods at the close of the season at greatly reduced prices. Jan. 2d & 4th.

Christmas is Coming.  
Barber & Baker have the finest line of Christmas Slippers ever brought to Denver, and for the least money. Call and get a pair and make some one happy. 18-44111.

"Can you tell me what kind of weather we may expect next month?" wrote a farmer to the editor of his country paper, and the editor wrote as follows: "It is my belief that the weather next month will be very like your subscription bill." The farmer wondered for an hour what the editor was driving at, when he happened to think of the word "unsubscribed." He sent a postal note.—*Philadelphia Chronicle*.

There is now on exhibition at No. 234 Broadway a horse-shoe, received recently from London, which is probably the largest in the world. It is, from out to out, nine inches long, eight inches wide, and thirty-one inches around. The "web" is nearly three inches wide, and in it are thirteen nail holes. The shoe has calkers at the heels, and a broad "clip" at the toe. It is over 100 years old, and is supposed to have been worn by one of the large Norman horses so popular as draft animals in London. It weighs four pounds and two ounces. The shoe has no striking peculiarity which distinguishes it from shoes of the present day. The inner side of the "web" is dash shaped, and made so low that the outer side never touches the ground; whereas, the modern shoe is the reverse, the upper inner side of the "web" being beveled to avoid any pressure on the side of the foot surrounding the frog. Both styles of shoe aim at the same object, that is, the supporting the weight of the horse by the "wall" of the hoof. But there is no more allowance for expansion and contraction of the foot in one shoe than in the other.

The Extent of India.  
Few people are aware of the magnitude of India, or comprehend that it contains some 50,000,000 more people than all Europe west of the Vistula. Fewer still know that it contains sixty-two cities with a population of more than 50,000 people, and twenty-two cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants. Below the limit of 50,000 the towns become much more numerous, and there are hundreds with populations below 20,000. The majority of the larger are quite unknown to Europeans, an active magistrate or two excepted; and there is no book in English which gives the slightest account of their organization or of the life and people in them. Yet many of them have histories of 2,000,000 years, and in all flourish families which think themselves noble and have long pedigrees and stirring tales to relate.

Doug. Mr. Carlisle, as Speaker of the House, and as the leader in the Democratic branch of Congress, intend to make open war on the present excellent national bank system? He has placed the fiat in the *Banker*, at the head of the Committee on Banking and Currency, and he has made the silver fanatic, Bland, Chairman of the Committee on Coinage. He has placed other impractical members on both of those important committees, and it looks as if there was to be a revival of Greenbackism in its worst form in Congress this winter. To this end Carlisle has apparently solicited about in his party for all the bad material he could find to chuck into the *Banker* committee. Representative Yule, of the Fourth Michigan District, is a member of that committee, and it was only four years ago that Yule ran for Congress as the Simon-pure Greenback candidate. A year ago last fall he was elected by a fusion among the Greenbackers and Democrats—the latter sacrificing their "honest-money" principles for the hope of success. It really looks as if Mr. Carlisle had organized the Committee on Banking and Currency with the object of precipitating a financial crisis upon the country, and if such a disaster should be averted it will be because there is good sense enough in Congress to defeat and hold in check the financial vagaries of Buckner, Bland and Company.

The important matter of irrigation is receiving much attention in Colorado. Until recent years little was done in this regard beyond the digging of ditches or flumes a few rods in length. In the last few years, according to the *Denver Tribune*, companies with large capital have been organized, with the object of bringing under cultivation the thousands of acres of land, otherwise arid, but which with proper irrigation prove as arable and fertile as the most favored farming sections in the rich West. This new industry for irrigation not only provides labor for hundreds of men and teams, but adds to the wealth of Colorado by increasing the acreage of arable lands and swelling the aggregate volume of natural products, notably cereals, fruit and vegetables. Two blades of grass are made to grow where one grew before, and Colorado, from being dependent for home consumption upon natural products imported from other states, is fast becoming a source of supply for Eastern markets.

Like the jackass that stood between two haystacks, undetermined which to eat, and starved to death, so is the Democratic party standing undecided (lie), with stacks of free trade, tariff for revenue, and tariff for revenue only in plain view, and no ability to decide which to take.—*Inter Ocean*.

(Geo. Andrews, overseer of the Lowell Carpet Corporation, was for over twenty years, before his removal to Lowell, afflicted with salt rheum in its worst form. His ulcerations actually covered more than half the surface of his body and he was entirely cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla. See certificate in Ayer's Almanac for 1883.

How Certain Animals Change Color.  
[New York Sun.]  
"Is the change a physiological secret?"  
"Not at all. We have well-defined ideas concerning it. In the first place, we know that many animals change their color at a moment's notice, especially fishes and reptiles. Among the former the stickleback, perch, sculpin and dolphin are the most remarkable. In many this change is evidently made at the option of the fish. This is also true of the reptiles, and now for the explanation. Here is a microscopic section of a frog's skin. You see it consists of two distinct portions, the epidermis and the cutis. The former is made up of cells, while the latter contains nerves, fibres, and cavities for cell elements. These cells are filled with pigment of coloring matter, and are known as chromatophores, and are under the control of various animals, for all, from man down, have them, differing in color in different individuals and in various parts of the body. Different colors or degrees of intensity seem to cause a contraction or expansion of the cells. In the case of the pigment cells, that is, the yellow when distended, assume an orange-colored hue when contracted, and the orange or red cells when shrunk become brown or black, as the case may be. Now, when a fish that habitually lives on a white bottom passes on to a black one the change is conveyed by the eye to the brain, and telegraphed, so to speak, to the chromatophores, by way of what are called the sympathetic nerves, and the change is produced."

"How do we know this? By watching a blind fish pass from one colored ground to another. In such a case there is no change at all. The eye is the medium, yet there is probably no intelligent appreciation on the part of the animal of the change. As he has been made. The experiments with the sympathetic nerves are very remarkable. By cutting one a fish has been shown spotted on one side and striped on the other, and, in fact, the coloring is at the will of the skilled anatomist. The animal, our common southern lizard, that seems to take the place of the chameleon, is the most wonderful in the power of changing color, adapting itself to a variety of hues."

Diamonds for Drills.  
[New York Sun.]  
"Diamonds are comparatively cheap nowadays," a rock and drill manufacturer said, "and the diamond-drill does not cost as much as they did." "Are genuine diamonds used in these drills, or are they called diamond-drills because the steel has an extremely hard temper?" the reporter asked. "Diamonds are used in the drills. They are chiefly one and two carat stones, and present they cost about \$20 each. The carat is the weight. The diamond set-bit is hollow. It is a steel thimble, having three rows of diamonds imbedded in it, so that the edges of those in one row project from its face, while the edges of those in the other two rows project from the outer and inner periphery respectively. The diamond set-bit is the forward progress, while those on the outer and inner periphery of the tool enhance the cavity."

"How are the diamonds set in the bit?" "The bit is of soft steel, in which holes are drilled. After the diamonds are fitted the thimble is hammered against them so that they remain firm. "Do the diamonds wear out?" "Their edges, which come in contact with the rock, get a little smooth, and then they are taken out and reset, so that a fresh edge is presented." "Have all the hollow drills three rows of diamonds?" "No. Some have only one row, but these are not very common. The diamonds stand out from the steel setting, so that the steel does not come in contact with the rock."

"How are the diamond drills worked?" "By a rapid rotation, varying anywhere from 400 to 1,000 revolutions a minute. There are different machines used for different kinds of drilling."

Never Joke if You Would be Great.  
[Washington Critic.]  
When The Toledo Telegram says that "if S. B. Cox had never made a joke he might be the next speaker of the house," it is only putting in sentimental form which is heard in many forms all about Washington every hour nowadays. Why is it that a man who adds to great power and eloquence in the discussion of great questions the ability to amuse as he goes along should be so undervalued by the public? It is a singular fact, but fact it is, and always has been. Tom Corwin was probably the greatest man Ohio ever produced, but he could not amuse as well as he could not be elected speaker of the house. The odds of politics are a "joke." It took two elections and a war yet to give Abraham Lincoln any other reputation than that of a joker and a story teller. When Oliver P. Morton was starting in 1856 upon that wonderful career that made him one of the most conspicuous figures of the war period, he commenced by seeking to convince that extraordinary logical eloquence of such a term is admissible possessed of him by him great degree by anecdote and wit. He had a happy turn that way. At Terre Haute, after a brilliant effort that commended itself to his followers, a venerable and famous politician took the young man to task. "Young man, if you want to be regarded as a great man, a great leader, never tell a story, never utter a joke; look solemn and pound the table."

Death to the Oyster.  
[New York Letter.]  
The oyster's most deadly enemy is the starfish. Now, Dr. Bigelow, 400 acres of submerged land are now under cultivation, and the starfish is rapidly destroying the crop. In three weeks the oysters on a tract of 100 acres have been killed by the "five fingers," as they are sometimes called, and an old oyster merchant has recently taken up 300,000 of the fish in seven hours' drizzling.

Special Notice—Excursions.  
Excursions to Southwest Kansas and Southwest Missouri on Tuesdays, Jan. 8th and 22nd, over the W. St. L. & P. Ry. to Kansas City; and from there over the Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Gulf R. R. to Olathe, Paoli, Lyndon, Pleasanton, Ft. Scott, Jola, Yates Center, Hanks, Wichita, Cherokee, Parsons, Cherryvale, Columbus and Baxter Springs, Kansas, and Lamar, South Springfield, Springfield, West Plains and Augusta, Mo. And a special excursion to Kansas and Nebraska, for maps, circulars and rates for these excursions apply to nearest Wabash, St. L. & Pacific agent, or call on or write to Thomas Bivans, Excursion Agent, 24-4th.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.  
Estate of CHARLES DROHN, Deceased.  
The undersigned, having been appointed executor of the estate of Charles Drohn, late of the county of Marion and state of Illinois deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Marion county, Illinois, on the 1st day of March next, at which time all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are required to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

CHICAGO MUSICAL COLLEGE.  
(DECATUR BRANCH)  
Will be open SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1884, for the reception of pupils in VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CULTURE. Tuition, one term of ten weeks, two private and one class lesson per week. (30 lessons) \$10.00. NEW HAWORTH BLOCK, 3rd floor; take elevator. DR. F. ZIEGEL, President. SLAYTON & WHITE, Gen'l Managers. N. B.—This College is under the direct supervision of the President and Directors of the Chicago Institution. First-class instruction guaranteed. MRS. S. B. OAKES, Agent.

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For the Holidays and Christmas presents a large and attractive assortment of ladies' collars, handkerchiefs, a general assortment of neckwear, fancy goods of every description and cloaks. Our prices are always the lowest. 18-44111 LINN & BOND.

WE TO-DAY REDUCE All Gents' Undershirts and Drawers, Ladies' and Children's Vests and Drawers, All Felt and Balmoral Skirts, All Ladies' and Children's Wool Stockings and Leggings, Our Entire Stock of Blankets, All Cassimeres and Wool Shawls To 20 Per Cent. Discount for Cash. All of balance of stock of Cloaks at deductions to suit purchasers. F. L. HAYS & CO. Jan. 1st & 4th.

Chance Extraordinary DURING THE Entire Month of December Prices such as have never been made for the Finest, Choicest and Most Attractive Stock of DIAMONDS, Gold Watches, Stylish Jewelry, STERLING SILVERWARE, Triple and Quadruple Plate Silverware, Ever Displayed in Decatur. Every article in OUR LARGE STOCK MARKED DOWN. We offer exceptional values in GOLD WATCHES AND SILVERWARE. Take advantage of this opportunity and make an early selection. We cordially invite an inspection of every body to our immense and attractive stock of everything to be found in a reliable jewelry house. If you can't call during the day, come in the evening. We will cheerfully show you goods and astonish you with low prices. W. R. ABBOTT & CO. Dec. 3, 1883—44111.

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS! Holiday Goods. All hands have been busy marking down prices. You can get a Bargain by buying your Christmas Presents and anything else you need in TOYS, HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS, FURNITURE, Etc., of R. LIDDLE, 1 and 2 Court House Block. Dec. 20-d&w1w.

OVERSTOCKED In all classes of WINTER GOODS as we are anxious to unload 'before it is too late,' and will allow A DISCOUNT from the original selling price (as marked in all cases in plain selling figures) of 33 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. We call particular attention to our most unbroken stock of LADIES', MISSES' and CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE WRAPS, Embracing hundreds of garments, of every style, make and quality, Shawls, Blankets, Bed Comforts, Underwear, Knit and Crochet Goods, Yarns and Zephyrs, WOOL HOSIERY! We mean just what we say, and do what we agree. Our Goods are UNEQUALLED FOR STYLE and MERIT. BIG 18 Merchant Street. CHEAP STORE.

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During January an unusually  
fine line of Ladies' and Gents'  
**Gold Watches!**  
ALSO SPECIAL PRICES IN  
**SILVER WATCHES.**  
We would call your attention  
to the grade of Goods  
we keep and the thoroughly  
**RELIABLE MANNER** in  
which we do business. You  
cannot buy a Watch of us  
that is "Too Cheap" for good  
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**OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.,**  
Leading Jewelers.  
Decatur, Jan. 3, 1884—d&wtf

**PIPER'S**  
**Photographic Studios!**  
Opposite the Post Office.  
**LATEST STYLES AND DESIGNS.**  
Sons of France, Holiday Cabinets and Panels, Hand-painted Panels, the  
Faber Camera and the Double, new Back Grounds and Accessories,  
designed and imported expressly for holiday use.  
**LARGE PHOTOGRAPHS A SPECIALTY.**  
PASTEL, CRAYON AND INDIA INK.  
Scene Settings and avoid the Christmas rush. Don't wait for sunshine.  
Cloudy days are actually better.  
Telephone 182. Visitors Always Welcome.  
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**GARLAND.**  
We greet our Patrons by Wishing Them All  
**A Happy New Year!**  
And in this connection desire to return  
our thanks for the liberal patronage be-  
stowed upon us during 1883. During the  
first year in our new location our business  
has far exceeded our most sanguine expec-  
tations, and now with a largely increased  
stock of Hardware, Mantels, Grates &c.,  
and the largest and best stock of STOVES  
in the country, it shall be our aim, through  
fair dealing and courteous treatment, to  
merit an increased patronage during 1884.

**Ferguson & Dillehunt,**  
125 North Water St.  
**ROUND OAK.**  
**JEWELL.**  
1884 1884  
Special Offerings for This and Next Week.  
AND THEN COMES  
**Our Grand Cheap Sale of Embroideries**  
40 LADIES' CLOAKS in Dolmans, CIRCULARS,  
ROMAN CIRCULARS, SUTTOOTS, NEWMAR-  
KETS, &c. We propose to make prices that will  
close them all out. Cost or value makes no  
difference, the garments will be sold.  
**WONDERFUL BARGAINS IN BLANK-  
ETS, FLANNELS and HOSIERY.**  
Inspection solicited.  
**S. G. HATCH & BRO.,**  
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Per week, payable to Carrier, 10 Cts.  
One year, in advance, \$5.00  
Six Months, " 3.00  
Three Months, " 1.50  
SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 5, 1884

**LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.**

We have just returned from New York  
with new prices on Rogers Bros. 1847  
Knives. See us.  
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.  
Council meeting Monday evening.  
Hand to find loafers on the street cor-  
ners these days.  
The week of prayer will begin through-  
out the country on Monday.  
Get the churches warm early to-mor-  
row.

Shooting range for "McSorley's Inflation"  
Tuesday evening.  
Next week Frank Mayo in "Davy  
Crockett"—the 11th.  
Putze shooting gallery, opposite post  
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Just think of it! At W. F. Dasher's  
residence, West Main street, the mer-  
cury marked 32 below at 5 o'clock; at the  
same hour at Dr. Stoner's drug store it  
was 31 below; at E. D. Bartholomew's  
residence it was 30 below; at George  
Starr's residence, 30; at G. M. Wood's  
residence at 420 a. m. it was 30 below,  
and at many places at 7 o'clock it was  
anywhere from 25 to 26 below. The few  
farmers in from the country districts re-  
port that the temperature was very low.  
It must have been 35 below on the prairie.  
It was a tough night on stock be-  
cause it was so cold. In some stables  
in Decatur the horses were covered with  
a white coat of frost and there was frost  
on their eyes-winkers and hanging from  
their nostrils. Had there been a little  
breze the cold would have been much  
more severe and keenly felt, but it was  
obviously enough, as those who have to be  
out upon the streets can cheerfully testi-  
fy. Potatoes, apples, water and milk  
froze in dwellings and fireless rooms  
like ice-houses. All the store win-  
dows are covered with thick coats of  
frost, and merchants have had to scratch  
off the white coating to see out. At James  
Foster's place in Wheatland township a  
cow had her teats frozen close to the  
udder.  
The effect of the cold snap on business  
is everywhere noticeable. The stores are  
comparatively deserted. Nearly every  
dealer has the blues, but he hopes for the  
speedy return of milder weather when  
people can get about and make business  
lively again.  
The coal dealers and ice men are the  
only ones who wear smiling faces, unless  
it be the plumbers, who are always  
busy about weather as this fixing up brok-  
en pipes.  
TIE TRAINS.  
It is no use trying to keep track of the  
trains on the different railroads centering  
here. The south train on the Central  
road, due here last evening, was 15 hours  
late. No trains can get out of Chicago  
over the Wabash, because of the snow  
blockade above Forrest. It took four  
engines to get three coaches into Chicago  
over the Wabash Wednesday morning.  
The same trouble is experienced on most  
of the roads running into Chicago, and  
all are waiting for a welcome thaw. From  
the east over the main line of the W.  
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in occasionally just to vary the monoton-  
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THE RECORD OF A NIGHT.  
Mr. R. Liddell, who resides at the cor-  
ner of South Franklin and Wood streets,  
kept a record of the temperature during  
last night. He kept his thermometer cov-  
ered in a shed, and this is the score: Jan. 4,  
10 p. m., 21 below; Jan. 5, 6 a. m., 27 be-  
low; 8 a. m., 28 below; 10 a. m., 24 below.  
Dr. H. C. Jones reports that it was 28  
below at his home at 6:30 this morning,  
and that this is the coldest weather he  
has experienced for 30 years.  
WE GOT IT EVERY 10 YEARS.  
Mr. G. M. Wood, county treasurer, who  
is a close observer of the state of the  
temperature, remarks that the cold snap  
of last night and to-day is the regular ten  
year visitor. He remembers that at Jack  
sonville, in January, 1874, a spirit ther-  
mometer indicated 40 below, and at the  
same time it was 35 below in Decatur; in  
January, 1864, and again in January, 1855,  
it was equally as cold in this section.  
In 1835 County Clerk Hardy was sta-  
tioned agent for the Illinois Central R. R.  
company at Moweaqua. He well remem-  
bers the cold spell of that winter when  
he stayed in the depot for a week and  
kept up booming fires to keep from freez-  
ing. His wife had gone to Bloomington  
the day before the cold snap, intending  
to return in two days, but owing to the  
drifting snow and cold she didn't get  
home for three weeks.  
Alfred Coleman reports that it was 37  
below zero at Beardsville, a few miles  
northwest of Decatur, early this morning.  
A SNAKE.  
A span of mules belonging to C. W.  
Whitist, the ice man, hitched to an ice  
plow, went through the ice into 32 feet of  
water in the Sangamon river, south of the  
water works, last evening snow after  
3 o'clock. The ice was 8 inches thick,  
where the break occurred. The party of  
men handling the mules of ice rushed to  
the rescue with ropes, hooks, etc., and  
after hard work succeeded in getting one  
of the mules out; the other mule, which  
Mr. W. valued at \$150, went under the  
ice and was drowned. He was dragged  
out upon the snow-covered bank of the  
river. In the scuffle to save the mule two  
men fell into the water, and getting out  
they hurried off as fast as they could  
trot to the engine room of the water  
works, where they thawed out. Mr.  
Whitist is engaged in hauling ice for the  
Decatur Creamery.

"A Crowded House."  
Such is the heading to most of the press  
testimonials concerning the "McSorley's  
Inflation" party that is to make fun in  
Decatur Tuesday evening next, and one  
amusement goes will all be there to give  
the tempo a corollary greeting. Here are  
some of the songs that will be sung: "The  
Market Saturday Night," "I Never Drink  
Behind the Bar," "The Old Father Bar,"  
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T. W. PRISKER, Secy.  
It is wise to provide against emergen-  
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A cold may be a dangerous thing, or not,  
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Steam Washer.  
No family will be without the Steam  
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Marriage of Mary McRoberts.  
MARRIED—On Jan. 3, 1884, at 2:30 p.  
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Mrs. John McRoberts, at Springfield, Ill.,  
by Rev. Albert Hale, M. C. Charles E.  
Messersmy, of Sedalia, Mo., and Miss  
Mary McRoberts.  
The bride, as is well known, is a daugh-  
ter of the late John McRoberts, formerly a  
Decatur merchant, and who is a niece  
of Mr. Samuel McRoberts, the grocer.  
She was an ornament in Springfield soci-  
ety, and has frequently visited Decatur,  
after the removal of the family to the  
state capital. Mr. Messersmy is the present  
mayor of Sedalia, where he occupies a  
high social position. Mr. and Mrs. Mes-  
sersmy are now at St. Louis, from whence  
they go to New Orleans. They will reside  
at Sedalia.  
Miss Sallie McRoberts, of this city,  
cousin of the bride, attended the marriage.  
"BLACK BART."  
An Interesting Letter From Mrs. Bowles,  
the Faithful Wife of the Notorious  
Criminal.  
Some weeks ago the REPUBLICAN gave  
an account of the capture in California of  
Charles E. Bowles, alias "Black Bart," the  
notorious robber and highwayman,  
who since his arrest has confessed that he  
had conducted alone and successfully 25  
robberies. He was a member of Com-  
pany E, 116th Illinois Infantry, a regu-  
lar raised in this county. Christ Lieb-  
sman, of Bloomington, was the captain of  
Bowles company. The following is a  
copy of a letter received by Captain Lieb-  
sman from the wife of the celebrated  
prisoner:  
Mr. Liebman:  
Dear Sir: I have seen the report in  
your daily paper of a man who is called by  
my husband. We lived in Iowa, near  
New Oregon, two years after the war,  
when the crops failing, he sold the place  
and left his wife and children and started  
for Illinois. He was a good man, and  
staying there over a year, and was unfor-  
tunate in mining and was almost franti-  
cally from having lost everything. All through  
the war he wrote two or three times a  
week, and never failed to write me, and  
having finished up to the time of his ar-  
rest, dated Silver Bow, the 25th day of  
August, 1871, and then the 9th of August,  
at a hotel in Virginia City, (where I had  
just directed my letters for some time,  
as he intended to go there soon) wrote me  
a letter giving me the impression that  
Charles had started home and my letters  
to him advertised after his leaving had  
been taken out by the man. So we look-  
ed and waited for days and weeks and  
months until my brain almost reeled and  
still no husband came or wrote, and writ-  
ing all the time and his friends out there  
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pened to him, and so when years had pass-  
ed I gave up all hope of everything and  
thought he had been killed, supposing  
him to have had money, and God above  
knows what I have suffered all these  
years. When this report came  
to me, and to-day the Pentagraph gave  
me the particulars pertaining to come  
from you, every doubt was put to flight.  
This is racking my brain and my three  
girls, daughters, are still with me.  
I thank you for the kind words.  
His whole life up to the time of his last  
letter was what you knew it to be during  
those three years, except that I do not  
think he drank, and he never gave up  
up to the time of the letter just received,  
as he promised me he would not, and told  
me he had not only a short time before  
his last letter. All reports are exaggerated,  
but enough has been said to show me  
that he is my husband. I have lived all  
these years and never married, as I had  
promised to be his wife while I lived, and  
I love him still. The report of his bible,  
which I gave him, was the only reason I  
first had to dream that he was the man I  
loved best. I hope I may see him yet.  
I ask you to write to me and give me  
all of the particulars. I came down here  
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MARY E. BOWLES, 1255 Lyons st.,  
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N. B.—Do not fail to write at your  
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Mrs. Chas. H. Cressel and son returned  
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James Hatfield will leave Monday for  
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While at Champagne Mrs. E. Harwood  
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perature was any lower in Decatur than  
the thermometer registered last night.  
82 below.  
Just think of it! At W. F. Dasher's  
residence, West Main street, the mer-  
cury marked 32 below at 5 o'clock; at the  
same hour at Dr. Stoner's drug store it  
was 31 below; at E. D. Bartholomew's  
residence it was 30 below; at George  
Starr's residence, 30; at G. M. Wood's  
residence at 420 a. m. it was 30 below,  
and at many places at 7 o'clock it was  
anywhere from 25 to 26 below. The few  
farmers in from the country districts re-  
port that the temperature was very low.  
It must have been 35 below on the prairie.  
It was a tough night on stock be-  
cause it was so cold. In some stables  
in Decatur the horses were covered with  
a white coat of frost and there was frost  
on their eyes-winkers and hanging from  
their nostrils. Had there been a little  
breze the cold would have been much  
more severe and keenly felt, but it was  
obviously enough, as those who have to be  
out upon the streets can cheerfully testi-  
fy. Potatoes, apples, water and milk  
froze in dwellings and fireless rooms  
like ice-houses. All the store win-  
dows are covered with thick coats of  
frost, and merchants have had to scratch  
off the white coating to see out. At James  
Foster's place in Wheatland township a  
cow had her teats frozen close to the  
udder.  
The effect of the cold snap on business  
is everywhere noticeable. The stores are  
comparatively deserted. Nearly every  
dealer has the blues, but he hopes for the  
speedy return of milder weather when  
people can get about and make business  
lively again.  
The coal dealers and ice men are the  
only ones who wear smiling faces, unless  
it be the plumbers, who are always  
busy about weather as this fixing up brok-  
en pipes.  
TIE TRAINS.  
It is no use trying to keep track of the  
trains on the different railroads centering  
here. The south train on the Central  
road, due here last evening, was 15 hours  
late. No trains can get out of Chicago  
over the Wabash, because of the snow  
blockade above Forrest. It took four  
engines to get three coaches into Chicago  
over the Wabash Wednesday morning.  
The same trouble is experienced on most  
of the roads running into Chicago, and  
all are waiting for a welcome thaw. From  
the east over the main line of the W.  
Bash trains are off time, but they crawl  
in occasionally just to vary the monoton-  
ous gloom that has settled over the  
Union depot platform. The I. B. & W.  
trains make regular trips, and Wabash  
trains from the West come in on tolerably  
fair time.  
THE RECORD OF A NIGHT.  
Mr. R. Liddell, who resides at the cor-  
ner of South Franklin and Wood streets,  
kept a record of the temperature during  
last night. He kept his thermometer cov-  
ered in a shed, and this is the score: Jan. 4,  
10 p. m., 21 below; Jan. 5, 6 a. m., 27 be-  
low; 8 a. m., 28 below; 10 a. m., 24 below.  
Dr. H. C. Jones reports that it was 28  
below at his home at 6:30 this morning,  
and that this is the coldest weather he  
has experienced for 30 years.  
WE GOT IT EVERY 10 YEARS.  
Mr. G. M. Wood, county treasurer, who  
is a close observer of the state of the  
temperature, remarks that the cold snap  
of last night and to-day is the regular ten  
year visitor. He remembers that at Jack  
sonville, in January, 1874, a spirit ther-  
mometer indicated 40 below, and at the  
same time it was 35 below in Decatur; in  
January, 1864, and again in January, 1855,  
it was equally as cold in this section.  
In 1835 County Clerk Hardy was sta-  
tioned agent for the Illinois Central R. R.  
company at Moweaqua. He well remem-  
bers the cold spell of that winter when  
he stayed in the depot for a week and  
kept up booming fires to keep from freez-  
ing. His wife had gone to Bloomington  
the day before the cold snap, intending  
to return in two days, but owing to the  
drifting snow and cold she didn't get  
home for three weeks.  
Alfred Coleman reports that it was 37  
below zero at Beardsville, a few miles  
northwest of Decatur, early this morning.  
A SNAKE.  
A span of mules belonging to C. W.  
Whitist, the ice man, hitched to an ice  
plow, went through the ice into 32 feet of  
water in the Sangamon river, south of the  
water works, last evening snow after  
3 o'clock. The ice was 8 inches thick,  
where the break occurred. The party of  
men handling the mules of ice rushed to  
the rescue with ropes, hooks, etc., and  
after hard work succeeded in getting one  
of the mules out; the other mule, which  
Mr. W. valued at \$150, went under the  
ice and was drowned. He was dragged  
out upon the snow-covered bank of the  
river. In the scuffle to save the mule two  
men fell into the water, and getting out  
they hurried off as fast as they could  
trot to the engine room of the water  
works, where they thawed out. Mr.  
Whitist is engaged in hauling ice for the  
Decatur Creamery.

"A Crowded House."  
Such is the heading to most of the press  
testimonials concerning the "McSorley's  
Inflation" party that is to make fun in  
Decatur Tuesday evening next, and one  
amusement goes will all be there to give  
the tempo a corollary greeting. Here are  
some of the songs that will be sung: "The  
Market Saturday Night," "I Never Drink  
Behind the Bar," "The Old Father Bar,"  
"The Golden Rule," "The Bunch of Ber-  
ries," "The Merry Day," "The Salvation  
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Marriage of Mary McRoberts.  
MARRIED—On Jan. 3, 1884, at 2:30 p.  
m., at the residence of the bride's mother,  
Mrs. John McRoberts, at Springfield, Ill.,  
by Rev. Albert Hale, M. C. Charles E.  
Messersmy, of Sedalia, Mo., and Miss  
Mary McRoberts.  
The bride, as is well known, is a daugh-  
ter of the late John McRoberts, formerly a  
Decatur merchant, and who is a niece  
of Mr. Samuel McRoberts, the grocer.  
She was an ornament in Springfield soci-  
ety, and has frequently visited Decatur,  
after the removal of the family to the  
state capital. Mr. Messersmy is the present  
mayor of Sedalia, where he occupies a  
high social position. Mr. and Mrs. Mes-  
sersmy are now at St. Louis, from whence  
they go to New Orleans. They will reside  
at Sedalia.  
Miss Sallie McRoberts, of this city,  
cousin of the bride, attended the marriage.  
"BLACK BART."  
An Interesting Letter From Mrs. Bowles,  
the Faithful Wife of the Notorious  
Criminal.  
Some weeks ago the REPUBLICAN gave  
an account of the capture in California of  
Charles E. Bowles, alias "Black Bart," the  
notorious robber and highwayman,  
who since his arrest has confessed that he  
had conducted alone and successfully 25  
robberies. He was a member of Com-  
pany E, 116th Illinois Infantry, a regu-  
lar raised in this county. Christ Lieb-  
sman, of Bloomington, was the captain of  
Bowles company. The following is a  
copy of a letter received by Captain Lieb-  
sman from the wife of the celebrated  
prisoner:  
Mr. Liebman:  
Dear Sir: I have seen the report in  
your daily paper of a man who is called by  
my husband. We lived in Iowa, near  
New Oregon, two years after the war,  
when the crops failing, he sold the place  
and left his wife and children and started  
for Illinois. He was a good man, and  
staying there over a year, and was unfor-  
tunate in mining and was almost franti-  
cally from having lost everything. All through  
the war he wrote two or three times a  
week, and never failed to write me, and  
having finished up to the time of his ar-  
rest, dated Silver Bow, the 25th day of  
August, 1871, and then the 9th of August,  
at a hotel in Virginia City, (where I had  
just directed my letters



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